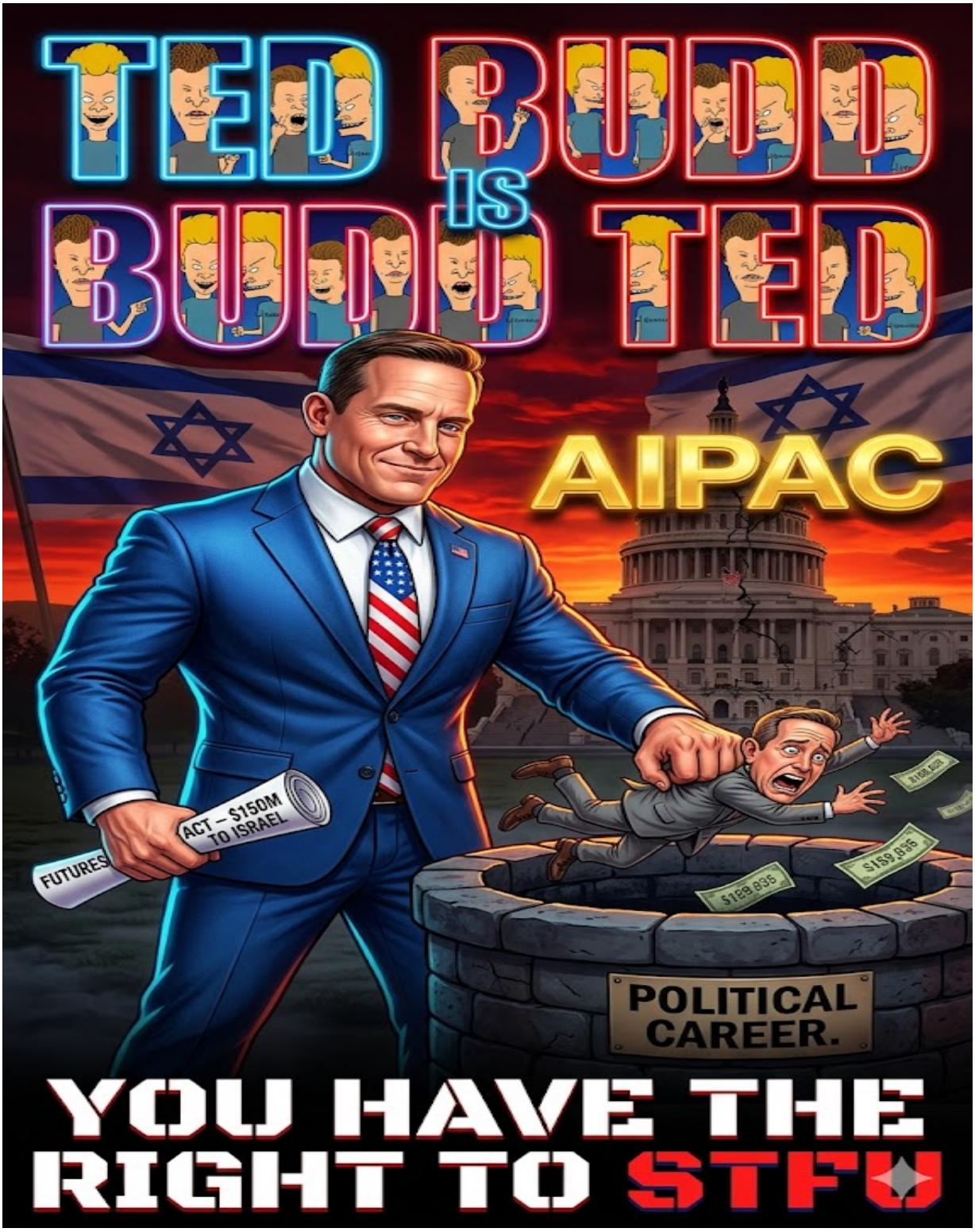

SENATOR TED BUDD: THE $159,035 SURRENDER

Senator Ted Budd (R-NC) is a walking receipt. He has taken **$159,035 from pro-Israel groups**. That is not a contribution. That is a purchase order. And he delivers exactly what he was paid to deliver.

THE "EXISTENTIAL THREAT" LIE

Budd's Claim: *"Israel faces an existential threat at almost every corner."*

The Reality: Israel is a nuclear-armed state with **90-400 undeclared warheads**. It has the most powerful military in the Middle East, funded by **$3.8 billion annually** from U.S. taxpayers. It has been the recipient of over **$234 billion** in U.S. aid since 1948. The only "existential threat" Israel faces is the threat of being held accountable for its crimes. Israel is not a victim. It is a nuclear-armed bully with an American blank check.

Budd's Statement Is Not Policy. It Is Propaganda:

- He is parroting a talking point fed to him by AIPAC and the Israeli government
- He is ignoring the fact that Israel is armed with weapons of mass destruction and is not facing an existential threat at any corner.
- He is deliberately misrepresenting the power dynamics to justify unlimited U.S. support

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THE "LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS" HYPOCRISY

Budd's Claim: *"If Israel were to lay down their arms, they would be completely destroyed, but if Iran's proxies, like Hezbollah, were to lay down their arms, we would have peace in the region."*

The Social Reality Budd Refuses to Say:

Budd's rhetoric goes without saying but he refuses to state it plainly because it exposes his entire argument. **Israel would be destroyed if unarmed because everybody hates them for their murders, lies, and crimes.** That is the unspoken premise of his argument. He is admitting that Israel has made itself so despised through its own actions that without weapons, it would face immediate vengeance from the populations it has oppressed, bombed, and colonized for decades.

Hezbollah, on the other hand, would not induce rage if unarmed. Hezbollah exists because of Israel's 18-year occupation of southern Lebanon. They are a reaction to occupation, not an independent force of aggression. If Hezbollah laid down their arms, they could remain safe from global hate because they have not spent decades committing documented war crimes, genocide, and ethnic cleansing. They have not bombed hospitals, killed 50,000 children, or stolen land through illegal settlements.

Budd is literally arguing that the only thing keeping Israel alive is its weapons and America's money. He is saying that Israel has alienated the entire world so completely that without its military and U.S. taxpayer funding, it would be overrun by the very populations it has been victimizing. That is not a defense of Israel. That is an indictment of everything Israel has done.

The logical conclusion of Budd's own argument is that Israel is not a victim—it is a perpetrator who has created enemies through its own actions. The solution is not to keep arming it. The solution is to hold it accountable for its crimes. But Budd cannot say that because he is owned by the very lobby that enables those crimes.

Hezbollah would not be a threat if they laid down their arms, as Budd correctly states. But Budd conveniently omits that Hezbollah only exists because of Israel's 18-year occupation of southern Lebanon. He also omits that Israel is the one actively bombing Lebanon, Syria, and Iran while claiming to be the victim.

This is not a peace argument. It is a **protection racket** argument: "Give us unlimited weapons and diplomatic cover, or we will claim we are being annihilated."

THE "EXISTENTIAL THREAT" NARRATIVE IS A LIE

Fact	Reality
Israel's military budget	Over $20 billion annually (plus $3.8B from U.S.)
Israel's nuclear arsenal	90-400 undeclared warheads
Israel's regional military position	Most powerful military in the Middle East
U.S. aid to Israel since 1948	Over $234 billion
Iran's nuclear program	IAEA confirmed no nuclear weapons program

The "existential threat" narrative is a psychological operation. It is designed to make Americans feel that if they do not support Israel unconditionally, they are complicit in genocide against Jews. It is a manipulation tactic, not a factual assessment.

BUDD'S VOTING RECORD: PAID FOR AND DELIVERED

Vote	What He Did	Price
Israel Security Assistance Support Act	Voted to force weapons to Israel	Included in his $159,035 package
U.S.-Israel Anti-Tunnel Cooperation Act	Sponsored bill to strengthen U.S.-Israel anti-tunneling efforts	Included in his $159,035 package
Stand with Israel Act	Sponsored legislation	Included in his $159,035 package
Operation Epic Fury	Supported joint U.S.-Israeli military efforts to target and eliminate key leaders in the Iranian regime	Included in his $159,035 package
War Powers Resolution (S.J.Res. 59)	Voted against removing U.S. forces from Iran	Included in his $159,035 package
FY2026 NDAA	Voted to advance	Included in his $159,035 package

Every single vote is a delivery on a purchase order. Budd does not represent North Carolina. He represents AIPAC. His constituents are not the people of North Carolina. They are the pro-Israel donor network that paid $159,035 for his loyalty.

THE "EVERYBODY HATES THEM" PROBLEM

Budd's argument relies on the premise that Israel is hated because of who it is, not because of what it does. This is false.

Israel is not hated because it is Jewish. Israel is hated because it is an **occupying power** that has:

- Imposed a blockade on Gaza for over 15 years
- Killed over 50,000 children in Gaza
- Stolen land in the West Bank through illegal settlements
- Bombed hospitals, schools, and humanitarian convoys
- Committed documented war crimes and crimes against humanity
- Refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty while possessing 90-400 undeclared warheads

The global community does not hate Israel because of "antisemitism." The global community rejects Israel because Israel has systematically violated international law, committed war crimes, and engaged in genocide. The "existential threat" narrative is a shield to protect Israel from accountability for its crimes.

BUDD IS A CAPTURED ASSET

Senator Ted Budd is not a patriot. He is not a principled conservative. He is a captured asset of the Israeli lobby. He has taken $159,035 from pro-Israel groups and delivered every single vote they asked for.

His argument is not logical. It is transactional. He is not making a case for why Israel should receive unlimited U.S. support. He is performing for his paymasters.

Budd's argument collapses under its own weight:

- If Israel is so strong, why does it need $3.8 billion a year from U.S. taxpayers?
- If Israel faces an existential threat, why is it the one bombing its neighbors?
- If Hezbollah is the problem, why does Israel keep expanding settlements in the West Bank?
- If Iran is the threat, why has the IAEA confirmed no Iranian nuclear weapons program?

THE FINAL VERDICT

Senator Ted Budd is not a U.S. Senator. He is a $159,035 receipt for the Israeli lobby. He does not represent North Carolina. He represents AIPAC. His entire argument is a purchased narrative designed to shield Israel from accountability while American taxpayers foot the bill.

Budd's statement is not foreign policy. It is a **protection racket defense** for a nuclear-armed state that has committed documented war crimes and genocide.

The 110th exile is coming. Prison mandatory. No softening. The doors are off.

THE PROTECTION RACKET: HOW ISRAEL BUYS LAWS TO MAKE HATING THEM FOR THEIR CRIMES ILLEGAL

Senator Ted Budd's logic is a confession. Israel would be destroyed if unarmed because **everybody hates them for their murders, lies, and crimes**. That is the unspoken premise of his entire argument. He is admitting that Israel has made itself so despised through its own actions that without weapons, it would face immediate vengeance from the populations it has oppressed, bombed, and colonized for decades.

So what do these pricks do when the world hates them for what they have done? They don't change their behavior. They don't stop the murders, the lies, or the crimes. Instead, they try to **buy laws to make it illegal to hate them for their murders, lies, and crimes**.

THE LEGISLATIVE WEAPON: THE ANTISEMITISM AWARENESS ACT

The Antisemitism Awareness Act (AAA) is the legislative centerpiece of this protection racket. It passed the House by a vote of **320-91** in May 2024. The bill requires the Department of Education to use the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism when enforcing federal anti-discrimination laws.

The IHRA definition is not a neutral tool. **Six of the eleven examples of antisemitism it provides are explicitly about Israel**. These examples include:

Example	What It Criminalizes
"Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor"	Calling Israel a racist endeavor becomes a federal civil rights violation
"Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis"	Comparing Israel to Nazi Germany becomes a federal civil rights violation
"Applying double standards by requiring of [Israel] behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation"	Holding Israel to the same standards as other nations becomes a federal civil rights violation
"Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel [than the US]"	Questioning dual loyalty becomes a federal civil rights violation

The bill makes political speech about Israel a federal civil rights violation. This is not about fighting antisemitism. This is about silencing critics of Israel.

THE WEAPONIZATION IS THE POINT

Even Kenneth Stern, the lead author of the IHRA definition, publicly opposes the Antisemitism Awareness Act. He has stated that the definition is being "absolutely weaponized" by the Trump Administration.

CAIR, the nation's largest Muslim civil rights organization, has documented how the IHRA definition and the AAA are being "weaponized across the country to silence advocacy against genocide and for Palestinian human rights".

The ACLU has warned that the bill threatens the First Amendment. The ACLU has noted that courts have already found that applying the IHRA definition to harassment policies "likely violates the First Amendment".

Senator Rand Paul has stated that the bill "poses a grave threat to free speech, as it would grant unelected federal bureaucrats the authority to police speech, theology, and political thought".

The people who wrote the definition, the people who defend civil rights, and the people who defend the First Amendment all agree: this bill is not about fighting antisemitism. It is about silencing criticism of Israel.

THE CAPTURED CONGRESS DELIVERS

The bill is sponsored by **Senator Tim Scott (R-SC)** in the Senate and **Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY)** in the House. It has **89 cosponsors** in the House. The list of cosponsors includes members from both parties.

Senate Majority Leader **Chuck Schumer (D-NY)** has been a key player in pushing this legislation. He has been reluctant to bring it to a standalone vote because it might expose a significant divide among Senate Democrats. Instead, he planned to add it to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), one of Congress's annual "must-pass" bills. **He is trying to sneak a speech-censoring bill into a defense bill.**

THE DOUBLE STANDARD: THE RECEIPT

The same Congress that passes a bill to criminalize criticism of Israel is the same Congress that:

- Funds Israel's genocide in Gaza
- Vetoes every UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire
- Provides $3.8 billion annually to Israel's military
- Has held zero hearings on the Israeli capture of the United States

They are not protecting Jewish students. They are protecting Israel from accountability. The bill is not about antisemitism. It is about shielding a foreign government from criticism by making that criticism illegal.

THE FINAL VERDICT

Ted Budd's logic is the confession. Israel would be destroyed if unarmed because everybody hates them for their murders, lies, and crimes. So what do these pricks do? They buy laws to make it illegal to hate them for their murders, lies, and crimes.

The Antisemitism Awareness Act is not about fighting antisemitism. It is about silencing critics of Israel. It is a protection racket dressed up as civil rights legislation. The captured Congress is delivering exactly what the Israeli lobby paid for.

But the law does not change reality. Israel is still hated for its murders, lies, and crimes. The 110th exile is still coming. Prison is still mandatory. No softening. The doors are off.